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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:  
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND  
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONCERNING AN ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE FAMILY  
PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2      Children and Families shall develop a plan to achieve improved outcomes  
3      for clients of the Department of Children and Families' child welfare  
4      bureau who receive family preservation and support services. In  
5      developing the plan, the department shall: (1) Conduct an assessment of  
6      the service needs of the department's child welfare client population,  
7      including an analysis of service system capacity and demand; and (2)  
8      examine relevant research to identify the most effective evidence-based  
9      models for such service needs. Not later than September 1, 2011, the  
10     department shall submit a draft plan to the office of the court monitor at  
11     the Department of Children and Families, the Child Advocate and the  
12     State Advisory Council on Children and Families for review and  
13     comment.

(b) Not later than January 15, 2012, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit the final plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. The final plan shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Summaries of the client needs assessment and relevant research on program effectiveness; (2) a description of (A) the services provided under each child welfare family preservation and support program as it currently operates, (B) all services provided under the child welfare family preservation and support programs the department plans to operate as a result of its needs assessment and completed research on program effectiveness at current funding levels, and (C) anticipated services provided under each program in the event of a ten per cent increase or ten per cent decrease from the current funding levels; (3) a detailed description of the procedures and resources needed to maintain adequate quality assurance and quality improvement functions for the department's child welfare family preservation and support programs; (4) the comments, if any, received from the court monitor at the Department of Children and Families, the Child Advocate, and the State Advisory Council on Children and Families; and (5) a timetable setting forth steps for plan implementation over a five-year time period through January 15, 2017. The final plan shall also include a strategy for ensuring the department only provides family preservation and support programs and services that are based on research demonstrating their effectiveness, or when such research is not available, evidence the programs and services are meeting identified client needs. In addition, the final plan shall include a process for collecting and analyzing the data needed to evaluate the effectiveness of such programs and services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee's recommendations to require the Department of Children and Families to prepare and implement an action plan to improve the effectiveness of the department's family preservation and support programs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*